Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:

Specialized Medical Vehicle Providers

HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

#### New Effective Dates for Revised Specialized Medical Vehicle Requirements

This Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update contains effective dates and deadlines that supercede those originally published in the June 2006 Update (2006-57), titled "Revised Vehicle Requirements for Specialized Medical Vehicles." Program requirements from Update 2006-57 remain unchanged; refer to the original Update for complete information.

# Effective Date for Vehicles Without Wheelchair Ramps or Lifts

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after April 29, 2006, specialized medical vehicle (SMV) service providers using at least two vehicles equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift may also use human services vehicles (HSVs) (that meet ch. Trans 301.01-301.61, Wis. Admin. Code, requirements) not equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift.

## Documentation Deadline for Adding New Vehicles

Specialized medical vehicle providers who added these new HSVs prior to July 1, 2006, are required to submit the inspection and insurance verification documentation along with the Specialized Medical Vehicle Information Chart, HCF 1300 (Rev. 07/03), by November 30, 2006.

The November 30 deadline does not apply to HSVs added after July 1, 2006, or to vehicles equipped *with* a wheelchair ramp or lift. For these vehicles, SMV providers are required to submit documentation within 14 calendar days of the first DOS.

If the required documentation is not received by these deadlines, Wisconsin Medicaid may recoup payments made for trips provided using the new vehicle(s).

#### **Submitting Claims**

For DOS prior to July 1, 2006, providers should submit claims to Wisconsin Medicaid using SMV procedure codes effective for those dates. For DOS on and after July 1, 2006, providers submitting claims for services provided with HSVs not equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift should use the two added procedure codes introduced in the June 2006 Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update (2006-57), titled "Revised Vehicle Requirements for Specialized Medical Vehicles": A0120 (Non-emergency transportation: mini-bus, mountain area transports, or other transportation systems) and S0215 (Non-emergency transportation; mileage, per mile).

## Information Regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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